

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Minutes

April 10, 2023

Subcommittee Chair Kim called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis and Ms. Lawson. Also in attendance were Mr. Tony McIntosh, Superintendent-Director and Ms. Dorothy Presser of MASC.

Motion made by Ms. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to accept the Minutes of the Policy Subcommittee of March 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Committee Chair had asked for guidance on Policy BEDH, Public Participation at School Committee Meetings, in response to the ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court with respect to public comment. Ms. Presser reminded the Subcommittee that they had already accepted the MASC version of this policy which covers all aspects of the ruling. The group then took up policy BEDJ, Remote Participation. Since this policy is not in the MASC policy manual, Ms. Presser will draft a remote policy to include in Shawsheen's to have as a legal reference if needed.

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Bartolone, to move Sections A and B to the full Committee at its April meeting for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion moved to the draft policies DK and DGA, both in regards to signing warrants, prepared by Ms. Kim after consultation with Howard Greenspan, Shawsheen's attorney. Ms. Presser clarified for the group the difference between signing the payroll warrants, which is swearing to the fact that it is a warrant whose money has been allocated through the budget process and signing the expense warrants, which is approving those expenses being paid. Ms. Presser will draft language according to the process agreed to by the subcommittee for vote. The Subcommittee agreed to approve the MASC version of Policy DJE, Procurement Requirements.

The Subcommittee will meet by Zoom on Monday, April 24th at 12:30 p.m. with the only agenda item to vote on Policies DK and DGA.

Motion made by Ms. Bartolone, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to adopt, as presented, the MASC version of Policy DJE and to bring to the full Committee for a vote at its meeting on April 25, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

The Subcommittee then began the discussion of Section C, General School Administration, and was able to get through the entire section, accepting the recommendations as to whether to use the MASC version or to keep Shawsheen's.

Motion made by Ms. Bartolone, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to bring Section C to the full Committee at its April meeting for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

The Policy Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m. to begin discussions of Section D.

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Lawson, to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary

Christine Kim
Chair, Policy Subcommittee